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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 12042

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS, CB, ENRG

SUBJECT: SITREP ON GVN-GKR OIL DISPUTE

REF: A) SINGAPORE 3641; B) STATE 196137 (NOTAL)

1. IN LIGHT OF EXAGGERATED STORIES IN US PRESS AS EVIDENCED BY
PARA 1, REFTEL (B), EA DAILY PRESS SUMMARY FOR SEPT. 6, BELIEVE
BRIEF SITREP ON OIL DISPUTE MIGHT BE USEFUL.

2. DATT IN HIS DAILY DAMSREP SITREP, PART I, FOR SEPT. 7, STATES
IN SUBSTANCE: MNK (KHMER NAVY) SEES NO THREAT TO THE ISLAND OF
POULO WEI, WHERE 147 NAVAL INFANTRY TROOPS ARE LOCATED. ONE VIET-
NAMESE PATROL CRAFT WAS IN THE VICINITY SOUTH OF THE RIG SEPT 6
AND ONE KHMER NAVY PATROL CRAFT PASSED NORTH OF THE RIG AT 1130
THAT MORNING. THERE WAS NO THREAT OF CONFRONTATION. AS OF 1600
HOURS SEPT 7 THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF FN OR MNK CRAFT IN NYE
VICINITY OF THE RIG. MNK INTENDS TO MAINTAIN A DEFENSIVE POSTURE
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IN REGARD TO THE SAFETY OF THE TROOPS ON POULO WEI ISLAND ONLY.

THERE ARE NO PLANS TO INCREASE NAVAL PRESENCE AS THE DEADLINE APPROACHES.

3. WHILE EMBASSY HAS NO REASON EITHER TO CONFIRM OR DENY REPORTS FROM SINGAPORE (REF A) OF ELF PLANS FOR IMMINENT REMOVAL OF THE RIG, AS OF SEP 6, WAS STILL ON LOCATION.

4. FINALLY, ALTHOUGH WE ASSUME ISSUE WILL SHORTLY BE RESOLVED TO GVN SATISFACTION, AT LEAST IN RESPECT OF REMOVAL OF THE RIG, EMBASSY WOULD CALL ADDRESSEES' ATTENTION TO POINT MADE IN GKR NOTE OF AUGUST 13 (PHNOM PENH 12033) THAT THE RIG IS LOCATED NORTH OF THE LINE OFFERED BY GVN LAST YEAR AS BASIS FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT. KEELEY

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